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February 26, 2024

Dear Dr. Dias:

I am writing with respect to the final determination relating to the allegations of research misconduct regarding certain research you carried out with support from the National Science Foundation ("NSF") and other funders. As Dean Heinzelman informed you by letter dated February 14, 2024, in accordance with the University of Rochester Policy on Research Misconduct, the Investigation Committee submitted its final report to the University on February 9, 2024. I reviewed the final report and all relevant materials, including your comments to the draft investigation report provided on January 29, 2024. With respect to your noted concerns about possible conflicts of interest, I requested and received an explanation of the University's response to that concern on February 13, 2024. I am satisfied there was no conflict of interest and I accepted the Investigation Committee's findings of research misconduct.

By copy of this letter, I am referring your case to the University Committee on Tenure and Privileges ("UCTP") for potential removal prior to the end of the period for which you are appointed and termination of your employment by the Board of Trustees for academic cause. The grounds for this referral are the findings by the above-referenced Investigation Committee in its final report which determined that your conduct constituted serious research misconduct, including fabrication of data. Academic cause constitutes a basis for removal prior to the end of the period for which you are appointed if it is determined that the conduct in which you were found to have engaged constitutes failure, as a member of the faculty, to discharge responsibly your fundamental obligations as a teacher, colleague, or member of the wider community of scholars.

Unless you waive your right to a hearing, the UCTP will form a hearing committee, following the process detailed in the Faculty Handbook. Please inform both Jane Liesveld, chair of the UCTP, and me in writing if you elect to waive your right to a hearing.

The hearing procedures are described in Section IV.D of the University of Rochester Faculty Handbook.

Sincerely,

David Figlio
Provost and Gordon Fyfe Professor of Economics and Education

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